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Ms. Carol Browner, Administrator **US EPA** PO Box 1473 Merrifield, Virginia 22116

Attn: Chemical Right-to-Know Program

Dear Ms. Browner:

The Stepan Company agrees to participate in the HPV Challenge Program. We are currently assessing the status of substances we manufacture or import, and will provide a follow-up letter that will include a list of our sponsored chemicals along with a schedule for testing. We recognize that sponsorship entails: assembling and reviewing available test data, developing and providing test plans for each of the sponsored chemicals, and, where needed, conducting additional testing in the time frame established by the Challenge Program. The information and data we provide under the HPV Challenge Program will be made publicly available. Dr. Arno Driedger is our technical contact; he can be reached at 847-501-2332 or by fax at 847-501-2455.

Sincerely,

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